train between Dhanbad and Tatanagar via Purulia is under active consideration of the Railways.

Disappearance of the Explosives from Railway Coach

334. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 500 Kgs. of explosives mysteriously disappeared from a high security railway coach in Assam recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the outcome of the investigations made into the mysterious disappearance of the explosives; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) There is no report of disappearance of explosives from Railway Coach on 8-1.1993. However, on 7-1-93. two trucks carrying explosives from Gomia, Bihar, for Charapunjee Cement Factory, Meghalaya were hijacked by Bodo militants at Samthaibari in Bongaigaon police station area in Assam. Police recovered the trucks but the militants carried away the boxes of explosives containing 500 Kgs. in total.

Incidents of Train Stopping/Ticketless Travelling

335. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of incidents of train stopping and ticketless travelling in Indian Railways during the last two years;

(b) the number of persons apprehended and the amount realised as penalty for both train stopping and ticketless travelling during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate special drive to check illegal train stopping and travelling without ticket;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) During the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 there were 6.32 lakhs incidents of train Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 7] and 80.40 lakhs persons were detected travelling without tickets.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 7)

(c) to (e) Various steps are already being taken by the railways to curb unauthorised alarm chain pulling and ticketless travel. These include regular surprise magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through different media, providing deterrent penalties in the Railways Act and blanking off of alarm chain apparatus on badly affected trains.

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336. श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :
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